# AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

Please replace the Abstract with the following Abstract rewritten in amendment format:

A cooled air temperature ~~detecting means 31 for detecting~~ detector detects the temperature of air ~~(a post-evaporator temperature Te)~~ that has just passed through a ~~cooling unit 5 (a~~ refrigerant evaporator.~~) is constituted by a plurality of temperature thermistors for detecting~~ The detector detects air temperatures for ~~respective areas in the event that~~ a plurality of locations on the cooling unit ~~5 is divided into a plurality of areas.~~ When determining a control condition (ON/OFF condition) of the refrigerant compressor based on the post-evaporator temperature [[Te]], an air conditioner ECU [[2]] calculates and compares respective air temperatures detected by the ~~plurality of temperature thermistors~~ detector and processes [[a]] the lowest air temperature as the post-evaporator temperature [[Te]]. In another embodiment, a sensor detects a surface temperature at a plurality of locations on the refrigerant evaporator. The operation of the refrigerant compressor is controlled based on the lowest surface temperature detected.